

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ILLEGAL MIGRANTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether illegal immigrants from neighbouring countries particularly from Myanmar infiltrating in the country;
- (b) if so, the latest measures taken up to effectively check such immigration;
- (c) the details of progress of fencing along the boundary with Bangladesh, State-wise;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to start fencing the Indo-Myanmar border; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

- (a) : Yes, Sir. Some instances of attempt of infiltration from across international border have been reported. However, since these activities take place clandestinely, the realistic figure of illegal immigration cannot be determined.
- (b): The Indian border with neighbouring countries is guarded effectively by the Border Guarding Forces which keeps continuous vigil on the borders through observation posts, regular patrols and joint patrols with Army. Other measures adopted to check illegal immigration, inter alia, include construction of fencing, flood lighting and protective bunds, conduct of special operations, upgradation of intelligence set up of the respective of Border Guarding Force, use of night vision devices and augmentation of strength for patrolling/ambush duties.
- (c) : Till date, 2477.59 kms. of fencing on Indo-Bangladesh border has been completed. The State-wise figures of fencing are – West Bengal – 1177 kms., Assam – 189.97 kms., Meghalaya – 371.12 kms., Mizoram – 85.01 kms. and Tripura – 654.49 kms.
- (d) & (e): There is a proposal to start fencing on Indo-Myanmar border in Moreh area of Manipur State in an area of approx. 10 Kms. However, the work of fencing on Indo-Myanmar border could not be started as the border with Myanmar is yet to be completely demarcated in the area proposed to be fenced.